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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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I strongly oppose the "Proposed Final Judgment" in the Microsoft antitrust case.

There are many, many things wrong with it ranging from poor definitions of technical terms which significantly weaken the impact of the remedy, to virtually no specification of how the remedies should be enforced, the result of which is that the entire remedy is rendered moot and next year we the people will be back in court spending hard earned tax dollars to confront Microsoft's well funded Legal Team (funded by moneys derived from an illegal monopoly).

With over twenty years of personal experience developing innovative software products, both in California's Silicon Valley and on Massachusetts' Route 128, two of the countries most innovative regions, I fear that this Proposed Final Judgment will result in the end of an era of software innovation. Microsoft's well documented and now legally recognized stifling of competition and thereby innovation will spell the demise of one of the shining stars of our economy. Too much power has been concentrated in this one franchise to detriment of our entire nation.

I will be cosigning the excellent review offered by Dan Kegel at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html> which does an excellent job detailing many of the weaknesses of the current proposal.

Please, I cannot stress enough, this Judgment is flawed and the impact of passing it will have a monumental result on one of our nation's most valuable treasures, our ability to innovate, do not allow this judgment to proceed in its current form!

Sincerely,

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